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SUBJECT: RHODESIAN SECURITY ROUNDUP

REFS: PRETORIA 5014, PRETORIA 4973.

1. ACCORDING TO RHODESIAN PRESS, RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT GAVE ITS SIDE OF STORY ON INCURSION INTO MOZAMBIQUE ON NOVEMBER 3. COMMANDER OF SPECIAL BRANCH, MAKE EDDEN, WAS QUOTED AS SAYING INTELLIGENCE REPORTS SHOWED CONCENTRATIONS OF 1,700 GUERRILLAS ("TERRORISTS") POISED TO ATTACK RHODESIA. THEREFORE, OPERATION WAS PREVENTIVE STRIKE. HE THOUGHT RHODESIA WAS SUCCESSFUL IN SETTING THEM BACK AND " WE WILL NOT SEE MUCH OF THIS BIG PUSH BEFORE CHRISTMAS-- IF THEN".

2. ON OPERATION ITSELF, EDDEN STATED THAT IT COVERED 210

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KM AREA ALONG BORDER FROM MUKUMBURA TO NYAMAPANDA. IT

STARTED ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, AND FINISHED TUESDAY, NOV 2. DESPITE MOZAMBIQUE CLAIMS, NO TANKS OR FIGHTER AIRCRAFT WERE USED. ALONG WITH "TERRORIST CAMPS" DESTROYED, EDDEN SAID 50 TONS OF AMMUNITION AND ARMS WERE DESTROYED IN ONE ZANU CAMP AND EIGHT MORE TONS CAPTURED. ARMAMENTS CAPTURED INCLUDED 12.7 MM ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS, 82 MM CANNONS, 82MM MORTARS, RPG-2 ROCKETS, 75MM RECOILLESS RIFLES, AND ASSORTED MACHINEGUNS, SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION. RHODESIAN CASUALTIES WERE "NOT HEAVY" WHILE THE REPORT THAT 1,000 GUERRILLAS WERE KILLED WAS "EXAGGERATED".

3. RHODESIAN PRESS HAS BEEN FULL OF PICTURES OF CAPTURED PERSONNEL AND WEAPONS. GREAT DEAL HAS BEEN MADE OF SUCCESS OF THIS OPERATION, AND EDITORIAL PRAISE IS HEAPED ON SECURITY FORCES. COUNTRY REMAINS TENSE HOWEVER. BLANKET TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS WERE PUT INTO EFFECT ON OCTOBER 30 IN EASTERN REGION FROM UMTALI SOUTHWARD. UNTALI ITSELF IS PICTURED AS FORTIFIED TOWN WITH BUNKERS AND BARBED WIRE PREVELANT AND ALL CITIZENS ARMED. IT WAS HIT BY FOUR 122MM ROCKETS ON NOVEMBER 3, BUT NO CASUALTIES AND MINOR DAMAGE WERE INCURRED. PRESTIGIOUS VICTORIA FALLS CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT WAS CANCELLED FOR SECURITY REASONS. AFTER PROMISES OF ADEQUATE PROTECTION FROM SECURITY FORCES, IT WAS REINSTATED, BUT SOUTH AFRICA'S PGA ADMINISTRATION DECIDED ANYWAY THAT IT WAS TOO DANGEROUS TO ATTEND.  
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